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TO : Personnel Director

DATE: ~~24~~ September 1952

FROM : Acting Chief, Research & Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Proposed Personnel Director Memorandum on Employment of Experts.

1. There is forwarded herewith a proposed supplement to PDM 29-52, Employment of Experts and Consultants, implementing instructions contained in attached memorandum dated 24 June 1952 from the Acting Deputy Director (Administration). As an interim device for advising Personnel Office members concerned of these requirements pending preparation of instructions in PDM form, copies of the Acting DD/A's memorandum were distributed immediately upon receipt in this office.

2. At present, there is some question as to interpretation of the extent to which it was intended that control of expert employment be similar to the control of consultant employment. In a memorandum dated 21 March 1952, the Acting DD/A advised that the "approval requirement" applied to both experts and consultants and that both would be treated similarly in respect to processing. A memorandum from the Acting DD/A dated 24 June supersedes the earlier memorandum of 21 March and states that expert appointments should be subject to control similar to consultant employment. He further states that "accordingly Personnel Divisions should review each request for the appointment of an expert, with the view to determining whether it more properly should be treated as a consultant case. If, after requesting justification from the office desiring the employment, it is determined that the case should be treated as a consultant it should be referred to the Deputy Director (Administration) for review". It has been our interpretation that the instructions for processing experts would require only those considered properly classified as consultants to be reviewed by the DD/A. The attached PDM supplement has been prepared accordingly.

3. There remains a general problem with respect to the limited time period for employment of experts as stated in CFR 5.7. However, this problem has been made the subject of a separate inquiry since it does not affect the processing instructions contained in the proposed supplement.

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